

teriolologist for their diagnoses. In regard to notification he asked what could one base his diagnosis on before the bacillary stage. The physician might be sure of his diagnosis, but unable to absolutely prove it. He considered both sanatorium treatment and forced feeding as more or less in the nature of fads, and perhaps somewhat abused.

Dr. Henry Gibbons, Jr., said that the open-air treatment seemed to be regarded as a new thing, whereas it really is not. He said there were a number of persons still living for whom his father had prescribed the open-air treatment twenty-five or thirty years ago.

Dr. Henry Harris mentioned the value of percussion in making out the transverse diameter of the apex.

Dr. Philip K. Brown thought the X-rays of little or no value in making an early diagnosis. He referred to animal tuberculosis, and mentioned two cases that had come within his experience in which a cat and a dog had acquired the disease from human patients. He valued highly the open-air treatment, but could not follow Dr. Abrams into the tent, as he considered it the worst possible sort of habitation.

Dr. J. Henry Barbat said that the disease did not always start in the apex, and that it should be looked for elsewhere. He considered the X-rays as very valuable in making a diagnosis.

Dr. Kaspar Pischel called attention to the recent statement of Wood of Philadelphia, to the effect that he had found bacilli in a large number of tonsils removed from patients who were not tubercular. He called attention to the fact that tuberculosis of the larynx had been cured. He emphasized the importance of proper breathing, etc., and stated that the nose and throat should be carefully examined and any deficiencies attended to.

Drs. Cheney, Evans and Abrams closed the discussion.

On motion, the recommendations of the special committee on prosecution of illegal practitioners were referred to the executive committee, with power to act. On motion of Dr. Kenyon the sum of \$200 was appropriated for the Walter Reed memorial fund.

The following doctors were elected to membership in the society: J. de Chantreau, F. K. Ainsworth, Louis I. Breitstein, D. F. Ragan, Adolph Baer, Henry du R. Phelan, H. T. Rooney, J. H. Soper, C. S. Downes, C. E. Beebe, Caroline Rosenberg, Grant Selfridge, Abel W. Johnson, Theodora Vassault, Cullen E. Welty, Emil U. Torello.

Santa Barbara County.

The Santa Barbara County Medical Society held its regular meeting for the month of July in the parlor of the Arlington Hotel, Santa Barbara. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Charles Anderson, and the following members were present: Drs. W. F. Blake, D. Conrad, W. B. Cunnane, L. F. Mansfield and C. S. Stoddard. Dr. Blake reported a very interesting case of "What is it?" A child, without any subjective symptoms whatever, family history negative, playful and apparently in a perfectly normal condition except for a rise of temperature for ten days, ranging from 101° in the morning to 104° in the evening. Physical examination negative; microscopical examination of secretions, negative. No apparent result from antipyretics or bathing. Dr. C. S. Stoddard read the paper of the evening, entitled "Obstetric Hints." The paper was based upon his personal experience, and was of unusual interest. He said that in his experience puerperal eclampsia is the most formidable complication one has to contend with in the lying-in-room, and that it behooves every obstetric physician to be well prepared. He thought it could be prevented by appropriate treatment in the majority of instances, if one had control of the patient

from the beginning of pregnancy. Dr. H. C. Bagby, of Santa Maria, was elected to membership in the County Society.

PACIFIC SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SURGEONS.

The society was called to order by the president, Dr. W. B. Coffey, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, August 17th. The society, though not an old one, is in excellent condition, and reports a membership of 150. The meetings were well attended, and in every way successful. The subject of appendicitis, as usual, evoked a good deal of discussion and elicited diverse opinions regarding time of operation, drainage, etc.

CHILD STUDY CONGRESS.

The first International Congress on child study, home education and protection of children will be held at the Universal Exposition of Liege (Belgium) in September, 1905. All persons interested in education of children are invited to become members of that congress. They will receive full particulars in applying to the secretary, M. Pien, rue Rubens, 44, Brussels, Belgium.

At the same time they are invited to send to the Liege exhibition all documents, statistics, books, teaching materials, concerning child study, home education, education of the feeble-minded and protection of children that will be useful to the congress. For the universal exposition please apply to the Commissariat General du Gouvernement Belge, 65 rue Royale, Brussels, Belgium.

LANE MEDICAL LIBRARY.

It has been announced that Cooper College is to erect a building and establish a magnificent medical library in San Francisco, on the corner of Webster and Sacramento streets. This action is in accord with the wishes of Dr. Lane's widow. The library will be known as the Levi Cooper Lane Library of Medicine and Surgery. The requisite land has been purchased, and some \$200,000 are to be expended in putting up the building and adding to the library.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Some time ago the president, Dr. Wheeler, appointed Dr. Harry P. Carlton dean of the Dental Department. Two new chairs in the faculty are announced: Dr. John A. Engs, of Oakland, professor of bacteriology and pathology; Dr. Alfred Schneider, San Francisco, professor of materia medica and therapeutics. A general reorganization has been effected, and some \$5,000 have been expended in new equipment.

Congress on Tuberculosis.—The International Congress on Tuberculosis will be held in St. Louis, October 3, 4 and 5, under the auspices of the World's Fair, as one of the international congresses. Clark Bell, Esq., editor of the *Medico-Legal Journal*, New York, is chairman of the executive committee. The Governors of the several States have been invited to name delegates to this important congress.

Kansas on Secret Remedies.—At the last meeting of the Kansas State Medical Society a resolution was introduced to the effect that all advertisements of secret remedies be excluded from the pages of its journal. The motion was referred to the Council, and in the published report of the meeting, *Journal of the Kansas State Medical Society*, July, there is no mention as to the action or report of the Council on the resolution. It is certainly to be hoped that the Council supported the resolution.